



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

**CR-105 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)  
**EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY**

**Agency:** Department of Labor and Industries

**Title of rule and other identifying information:**

Chapter 296-54 WAC, Safety Standards for Logging Operations

## NOTICE

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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

The purpose of this rulemaking is to be at least as effective as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The department received a letter from OSHA indicating that we were not as effective as the federal requirements relating to the logging standard. For example:

- We are removing an exception to the requirement for seat belts.
- We are removing an exception in the wire rope section, so that it applies to chokers.
- We are adding into the rule that gloves for employees handling wire rope will be provided by the employer.

See attachment 1.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040,  
49.17.050, 49.17.060

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 49.17 RCW

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**  
NA

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**Chapter 296-54 WAC, Safety Standards for Logging Operations**

**Amended Sections:**

WAC 296-54-507, Employers responsibilities

- Changed the requirement to provide safety training for each employee

WAC 296-54-51140, Hand protection

- Changed requirement to read that employer will provided hand protection

WAC 296-54-51180, Personal flotation devices

- Deleted language that said employees are not considered exposed to the danger of drowning when the water depth is known to be less than chest deep on the exposed individual.

WAC 296-54-515, Accident prevention program

- Added language which states that the accident prevention program must be effective in practice
- Included an item in the safety training program which covers the safe use, operation and maintenance to tools, machines and vehicles.

WAC 296-54-527, Seat belts

- Removed the exemption to the requirement that all employees must use available seat belts.

WAC 296-54-537, Chain saws

- Added a requirement that chain saws must be operated and adjusted in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Added a requirement that the chain saw must be started with the chain brake engaged, unless the manufacturer prohibits

WAC 296-54-557, Wire rope

- Removed the exemption that said the section did not apply to chokers

WAC 296-54-573, Logging machines—General

- Added a requirement that the floor and lower portion of cabs be completely enclosed

WAC 296-54-57355, Logging machines—Protective structures for operators

- Reformatted subsection (11) to line up with OSHA's rule

WAC 296-54-581, Helicopter logging—General

- Added the words "rescue situation" to the sentence about prohibiting the riding of a hook.